## The Park—Arbor-Day.

"Gipsey Hill Park" is rapidly becoming the object of much public interest. If there were no other evidences of the fact than are made known through the number of visitors who daily go out from the city to watch the progress of the work going on, that would be sufficient. The public sentiment is in accord with the movement made to convert the large area so beautifully formed by nature and enriched as it will be by art, into pleasure grounds.

Vale avenue, the first claiming attention in construction, is now far advanced towards completeness of design. It affords the visitor a very fair idea of what it is to be when sidewalks border its fifty feet width in winding directions with here and there a straight line of relief to the curves, and still more when the borders are studded with shade and evergreen trees. In the grove around the old spring-farm residence, the eye, as well as the essential necessity for it, already calls for a pavilion, and, doubtless, Captain Tam's excellent taste and fertility in design will open the way for its construction ere the month of May of next year shall come with its annual freshness and beauty to close the spring and to usher in those of the "heated term" when hundreds of the denizens of the city will seek the Valley shades to inhale the fresh air from the surrounding forests and green hills.

The Vale avenue will be ready for the proposed Arbor-day fixed for the 25th of October, when all the people, young and old, rich and poor, will unite in furnishing and planting trees. Vested rights are always honored and respected and the participants in that gala day, if but the work of planting a single tree, will add to the inheritance upon earth of every individual who embaces the occasion which in all time will call for its anniversary of affection in renewed tributes to its increasing richness. One large delegation, so to denominate it, and one that will wonderfully heighten the interest of Arbor day will be the re-inforcements which are to come from the Superintendent, teachers and scholars in the public schools of the city. The schools of West Virginia and other States which have Arbor days are the chief strength in tree-planting day, and the example is worthy of the emulation and culture of our fair city of this great Valley.